



## Consent Agenda: May 2021

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### **Mental Health First Aid Staff Training**

Library staff attended the 8.5 hour training with at Northeastern Counseling on May 7. Various staff members have commented on the benefit of the training, particularly how it applies to their personal lives even if it isn't heavily applied in their work. The training reviewed how attendees can assist those struggling with a diverse range of mental health needs to connect to professional help as well as help attendees increase understanding of the diversity of mental challenges.

### **Summer Reading Program Sign Ups & Activities**

The theme for the 2021 Summer Reading Program is Tails and Tales. Duchesne Branch's sign-ups began May 17. Their program will run through July 22. They are focusing on pirate tales and sea creatures. Roosevelt Branch's sign-ups began May 1 and will end July 31.

Roosevelt's program is leveraging the Reader Zone online tracking program purchased with the Utah State Library Continuing COVID Response Grant. Various activities and reading logs are being tracked on this platform. In particular, the Walk to Mordor Challenge has drawn a lot of attention and over 150 participants. Based on the journey taken in The Lord of the Rings books by the "Fellowship of the Ring" teams walk a similar distance—1800 miles—to reach the end, or Mordor in the books.

### **Duchesne Libraries at ULA Conference**

The 2021 Utah Library Association Virtual Conference was a busy one for Duchesne County libraries. Rachel Hull from Duchesne Branch and Debbie Haslem, Melanie Petersen, and Sami Merrell from Roosevelt Branch were each recognized for their ULA Paraprofessional Certification. Wendy Hargis also shared her experience in the program during the "ULA Paraprofessional Certificate Overview" session.

Besides hosting the ULA president events, Daniel was also asked to present about DCL's strategic planning process at Utah State Library's "Leading Libraries: Library Board Training and Strategic Planning" pre-conference and with Sam Passey from Uintah County Library at the "Searching Very Local Very Deeply" session about our patron catalog and historical photo efforts. Daniel also completed his term as Utah Library Association President and has begun his one-year term as the Immediate Past President.

### **VITA Ends at Duchesne Branch**